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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

CROWDER ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/975,642

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For: "A METHOD FOR REDUCING  
CORROSION OF A HEAD  
ELEMENT DURING THE  
MANUFACTURE OF A DISK  
DRIVE" (as amended)

) Group Art Unit: 2651

) Examiner: 3729

) RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-  
) COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON <u>September 28 2004</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.</p> <p>BY: <u>Loe R Brown</u></p>
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 22, 2004, Applicants submit a revised section entitled "Amendment to the Claims" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Please substitute the enclosed revised section for the section of the same name that is part of Applicants' Amendment and Response submitted August 23, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: